

Gerard not only served on the community advisory panel for over 3 years, but he also was the chair of the panel, heading a diverse group of community leaders. This panel worked diligently to facilitate constructive community input and to help ensure transparency by government agencies involved in the Bannister Complex environmental cleanup and redeployment efforts. The work Gerard and the panel did was successful and has now come to an end.

In the course of my adult life, I have been fortunate to meet many outstanding public servants—men and women who exemplify leadership and a genuine desire to contribute to the greater good. Of those public servants, Gerard is one of the best. I am proud that he is a Missourian, and I am honored to be able to recognize him here today.

I ask that the Senate join me in congratulating and honoring Gerard Grimaldi for his exemplary public service to Kansas City and the great State of Missouri.●

BEAR PAW DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

● Mr. TESTER. Mr. President, today I wish to honor Bear Paw Development Corporation of Northern Montana, which celebrates its 45th anniversary this month. Bear Paw Development is a proven leader in providing economic and community development solutions to challenges faced by northern Montana's small businesses and local and tribal governments. On behalf of all Montanans, I commend Bear Paw Development for its 45 years of outstanding work to build economic momentum and institutional support to ensure a brighter future for our State.

Bear Paw Development Corporation, one of the oldest federally recognized economic development districts in the Nation, provides information, technical support and hands-on assistance for northern Montana, helping business owners and local leaders take hold of their potential and build on their success. The dedicated employees of Bear Paw Development assist our communities in every aspect of planning and development, from providing business loans and small business counseling to facilitating investment in critical infrastructure projects.

As a farmer, I have a special appreciation for their work in value-added agriculture. Bear Paw serves as one of four centers in the Montana Food and Agriculture Development Center Network, working with farmers to create greater market access so that Montana agricultural products can compete on a global scale.

Working with local governments, Bear Paw coordinates millions of dollars of investment every year into infrastructure. Through the construction of drinking water systems, wastewater systems, bridges, and other community infrastructure projects, Bear Paw's work is vital to the residents, commu-

nities and businesses of northern Montana.

Since the creation of Bear Paw Development's revolving loan fund, they have assisted hundreds of small businesses with their financing needs to either start a new business or expand an existing one. In total, through more than 330 individual loans, Bear Paw Development has disbursed \$21.7 million to businesses in northern Montana, helping to create or retain a total of over 1,240 jobs.

Over the next 45 years, I fully expect Bear Paw Development to continue its historic and significant success in the areas of business growth, alternative energy, workforce development, community improvement, and of course, agriculture. Its continued commitment to the economic growth and diversification of northern Montana will continue to be a shining example of the role economic development districts can play throughout our country.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Pate, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The messages received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 2:04 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 2954. An act to authorize Escambia County, Florida, to convey certain property that was formerly part of Santa Rosa Island National Monument and that was conveyed to Escambia County subject to restrictions on use and reconveyance.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bill was read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 2954. An act to authorize Escambia County, Florida, to convey certain property that was formerly part of Santa Rosa Island National Monument and that was conveyed to Escambia County subject to restrictions on use and reconveyance; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bills were read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 3590. An act to protect and enhance opportunities for recreational hunting, fishing, and shooting, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3964. An act to address certain water-related concerns in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Valley, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-4591. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class E Airspace; Chariton, IA" ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2013-0255)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 29, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4592. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment of Class E Airspace; Gainesville, TX" ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2013-0586)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 29, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4593. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Chatom, AL" ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2012-1186)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 29, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4594. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Donlin Creek, AK" ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2013-0786)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 29, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4595. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revocation of Class E Airspace; Danville, IL" ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2013-0657)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 29, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4596. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Sisseton, SD" ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2013-0641)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 29, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4597. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Establishment of Class E Airspace; Leesburg, VA" ((RIN2120-AA66) (Docket No. FAA-2013-0033)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 29, 2014; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-4598. A communication from the Paralegal Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation,